

## AN ASSASSIN.

Fire may be likened unto an assassin. It slips up behind a man when his back is turned. The flames seize his property and lick up his wealth.

Fire, however, bad as it is doesn't bother the man that carries good insurance on his property. It's the fellow who hasn't got insurance that's in danger. It's a matter of double importance to insure to-day. The small boy's fireworks is the cause of thousands of houses going up in flames.

We would like to talk with those in danger.

## The J. F. HURT INSURANCE AGENCY.

### NOTICE:

To The Stockholders of the Tazewell Land Improvement Company and The Members of the Board of Directors of said Company.

You are hereby notified that as President of said Company and of said Board of Directors, I hereby call a special meeting of the stockholders of said Company and a special meeting of the Board of Directors of said Company, each of said meetings to be held in the office of the undersigned in the town of Tazewell, State of Virginia, on the 1st Monday in January, 1901.

The meeting of the stockholders will be held at 12 m. on that day, and that of the Board of Directors at 2 o'clock p. m. on that day.

Given under my hand this 15th day of December, 1900.

A. J. MAY,  
President Tazewell Land Improvement Company.

Attest: GEO. W. GILLESPIE,  
Sec'y Tazewell Land Improvement Co.

## VERY NEAR THE END.

The Christmas gift Shopper's time for making purchases is almost at an end. And for the benefit of those who have not already made their purchases we opened the following list, which will help you to easily complete your purchases.

The articles mentioned were purchased specially to supply the holiday trade, and as useful wearables make most sensible gifts.

Note the little prices:

### For MOTHER, WIFE or DAUGHTER.

Fur Collar and Fur Set \$1.75 to 5.98.  
Silver mounted Chateaufort bag 50c to \$1.78.  
Mousette Ring \$1.25 to 2.75.  
Silk Umbrella—pearl or silver handle 2.25 to \$4.98.  
Damask Table Set \$4.75 to 10.00.  
One dozen hemstitched Napkins 98c to \$7.50.  
Pair Chenille Portieres \$3.48.  
Chenille or damask Table Cover 40 to 1.25.  
Pair Kid Gloves 98c to \$1.75.  
Pair Silk Mittens 48 to 60c.  
Black Silk Hose \$1.75.  
Silk Waist \$3.98 to 5.98.  
French Flannel Waist \$1.75 to 4.25.  
Silk petticoat—black or colors 2.98 to 4.98.  
Eiderdown Dressing Sacques 75c to \$2.50.  
Cape or Jacket \$2.25 to 15.00.  
Tailor Made Suits 4.98 to \$19.00.  
Child's two-piece Fur Set \$1.25 to 3.48.  
Fancy white Apron—lace and ribbon 48c to 98c.  
Bureau Scarfs 40c to \$3.48.  
Linen Center Piece 30 to \$1.48.  
Art Squares in Linen 5 to 40c.  
Hand painted Sofa Pillows \$1.25 to 2.25.  
Holiday Styles in neck pieces 25c to 1.75.  
Fascinator or Hood 25 to 85c.  
Pair House Slippers 40c to \$1.75.  
Pair Juvenile or bedroom slippers 65 to 1.75.  
Overgaiters 48 to 89c.  
Jersey Leggings 80c to \$1.25.  
Sterling Silver Manicure Sets—3 pieces 48c.  
Sterling Silver Chain Bracelet \$1.25.  
The Netherlands Bracelet—a f. 75 to 98c.  
Cut Linen Pillow Shams—Scarfs, to match 40c to \$1.25.

### FATHER, BROTHER or SON.

Pair Patent Leather Pumps \$1.75.  
Leather Covered Umbrella \$3.25.  
One of Fashion's Fads in Neckwear 25c to \$1.75.  
Pair Cuff Buttons 25 to 75c.  
Gold Scarf Pin 25 to 75c.  
Pair Kid or Moccia Gloves 98c to \$1.25.  
Half Dozen Silk Handkerchiefs 48 to 98c.  
Box of Linen Handkerchiefs \$2.25 to 2.98.  
Mousette—silk or wool 60c to \$1.25.  
Fur Dress Protector \$1.25.  
Pair Suspenders 25 to 48c.  
Suit of Underwear \$1.48 to 4.48.  
Leather Leggings for Little Men \$1.25.  
Collars for Little Boys—"like papa's" 10c.  
Gown Boots \$1.98 to 3.25.

## R. C. CHAPMAN.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

Books! Books! Books!!! at Boyer's.  
Mr. R. W. Witten, mayor of Graham, was in town last Tuesday.

Rich cut glass, hand-painted China, imported dinner sets at Boyer's.

The J. F. Hurt Insurance Agency tells how the fire fiend is like an assassin.

We have a nice line of Bibles and Testaments—Jackson.

Among the visitors in town yesterday were Mr. T. Z. Cecil and son of Cedar Bluff.

No pernicious literature at Boyer's—you can't go astray in making selections.

Rev. Philip Johnson will preach at Concord Church, on next Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

We have just received a choice line of neckwear and suspenders.  
Harman & Bottimore.

Miss Pearl Leffel, of Clear Fork, was visiting her friend Miss Hattie Wingo at this place the first of the week.

Don't fail to visit Boyer's Xmas display, high art pictures, medallions and bric-a-brac at Boyer's.

Mr. C. E. Harman, mayor of Keystone, W. Va., was in town court day. He has recently been renominated for mayor of that town.

Toms Creek and Coal Creek coal for sale by us exclusively. "Phone No. 50.  
Harman & Bottimore.

Mr. Luke Dixon, of Bristol, Va., was here on court day representing the Richmond Times, for which he is now agent and solicitor.

Our line of Books is complete. All the new and most popular copyright works at Jackson's.

Mr. J. C. Wilcox, of Keystone, W. Va., has moved his family to Tazewell. They have taken up their residence on Tazewell Avenue.

We are now opening up a new and elegant line of hats and caps for the holiday trade.—  
Harman & Bottimore.

Four thousand turkeys have been shipped from Founding Mill this season. This shows how the poultry business is growing in Tazewell county.

Boyer has a very carefully selected line of wholesome, interesting and instructive books for your boys and girls.

Mr. H. P. Brittain, county treasurer, sold the delinquent lands in the county of Tazewell, for the year 1899, in front of the court house on Tuesday.

Our line of China Novelties, Vases, Ornaments, Mirrors, Candlesticks, Medallions, etc., is complete.—Jackson's.

John E. Jackson, the druggist, makes some important suggestions about how you should spend your money. Examine his advertisement carefully.

Thomson's "Glove Fitting" Corset combines good form and good style. For sale by W. T. WITTEN & Co.

Mr. C. W. George and family left for Birmingham, Mo., on last Monday. They were accompanied by two other families from Thompson Valley.

Thomson's "Glove Fitting" Corset has made American gowns famous. W. T. WITTEN & Co. sell it.

Tuesday night work was done in O'Keefe Royal Arch Chapter. Dr. J. R. Hicks, of Clear Fork, and Mr. J. G. McCall, of Tazewell, were made Royal Arch Masons.

For the children and young folks we have Picture Books in abundance, and a full line of fireworks.—Jackson.

We will not publish the REPUBLICAN next week. It has heretofore been our custom to give the office force a week of holiday at Christmas, and we will not depart from the custom.

Cooler in hot weather, warmer is cold are Thomson's "Glove Fitting" Corsets. W. T. WITTEN & Co.

Mr. C. C. Long is building a telephone line to the Cove which will be a part of his central line at Tazewell. There have already been secured twenty subscribers on the line, and its construction will soon be completed.

For Leather Goods, Fine Purse, Pocket Books, Card Cases, or Bill Books, our line is complete.—Jackson.

The merchants of the town did a splendid business on court day, last Tuesday. There has never been more money in the county, since we have been here. If a farmer has anything to sell he has no trouble in finding a good market.

The best line of confectionery on the market. All fresh goods in neat, clean packages, at Jackson's.

On tomorrow an entertainment will be given by Cedar Bluff High School. The programme is composed of musical selections, recitations and a comedy. The comedy will be rendered by the teachers and some of the pupils of the school.

Writing Desks, Traveling Sets, Toilet Sets, Manicure Sets, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Gloves and Handkerchiefs—Boxes, Albums, at Jackson's.

At the sale of Mr. R. D. Brown, on Cavit Creek, last Saturday, his personal property that was sold brought over three thousand dollars. The grain brought a fine price. Mr. Brown will go to Nebraska with his family some time next month.

None so shapely, none so strong, none so glove-like, none so economical as Thomson's "Glove Fitting" Corsets. They are found at the store of W. T. WITTEN & Co.

On Monday night of the 31st inst., the last night of the year, an entertainment will be given at the Christian church. Presents of some kind will be distributed to the members of the Sunday School, and a programme, not yet determined, will be rendered.

Should you wish to preserve the quality of your bread use the celebrated Magic Yeast. Nothing like it for producing a light, sweet, nutritious loaf of bread. It will retain its moisture and nutty flavor longer than bread raised with any other yeast put upon the market. Try it.

There will be a temperance meeting in the Baptist church on next Sunday night. It will be held under the auspices of the temperance organization of the town, and all the churches will participate in it. There will be no services in any other than the Baptist church that night.

We are overstocked in cheap and medium priced suits and overcoats, and until same are closed out will sell same at reduced prices. \$7.50 Suits and Overcoats, now \$6.50; \$6.50 Suits and Overcoats, now \$5.50; \$5.00 Suits and Overcoats, now \$4.20. Also a few suits and long overcoats reduced to \$3.50 each.  
Harman and Bottimore.

## NOW FOR THE 3 LIVELY DAYS.

Only three days remain in which you can do your Christmas buying.

These days are always lively days—shoppers out buying in earnest and while we expect great crowds each day, have full forces of extra clerks to give each shopper every attention. These late shoppers are often unfortunate in not finding just what they want; yet very fortunate, for they secure goods at much less their value. Now we don't want to carry over a single article in the Holiday Stock; hence a war on prices will be waged during these three days in order to clean out everything in the Holiday line. Fortunate indeed you'll be to shop here each day til Xmas.

We mention specially the following lines which are now brimful of choice selections of Christmas Present items viz:

### NICE LINE OF CLOCKS,

Lamps, Fine Decorated Solid Dishes, Decorated Dinner Sets, Books, Stationery of all Kinds and CHRISTMAS GOODS of Every Description.

## H. W. POBST'S.

## XMAS SHOPPERS

Can Find at

## ALEXANDER'S

Good stock of Fur Collarettes, Scarfs and Muffs, Dressing Sacques, Hoods, Fascinators, Knit Shawls, Handsome Dress Patterns, Silk and Flannel Waists, Jackets, Capes, Wrappers, Underskirts, Silk Mufflers, Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Stamped Linens, Photo Frames, Box Paper, Umbrellas, Fine Shoes and Slippers for Ladies, Men and Children—also many other useful presents which may interest you.

## Bargains?

If that is what you are looking for you can find them at the store of

## W. H. KELLY & SON.

They will sell you anything you want at 25 per cent CASH. Highest prices paid for Produce.

## Job Work.

The complete equipment in our JOB DEPARTMENT, the High-grade Material that we use; together with our experienced Compositors and the prompt execution of all our work, has enabled us to build up a trade that our competitors cannot rob us of.

### Self Praising.

We do not boast of our work, but leave our customers and our work to speak for the quality and our exceedingly low prices.

You will find that our work on jobs, such as Briefs, Catalogues, Pamphlets, etc., cannot be surpassed in any of the offices of our competitors, and cannot be excelled by any of the city offices.

### Stationery.

We have a Complete Line of Stationery and will be pleased to quote you prices on any work you may be in need of at any time.

## REPUBLICAN JOB PRINT,

Tazewell, Va.

### CHAPMAN & GILLESPIE,

LAWYERS,

Tazewell, - - - Virginia.

COURTS—Tazewell and Russell counties, Va., Court of Appeals at Wytheville, Va., and Circuit Court of McDowell county, W. Va.

### DR. J. H. MORGAN,

Dentist.

Office upstairs in Old Boston Building.

SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN TO PRESERVATION OF NATURAL TEETH. Artificial on any base desired.

### Not "How Cheap!" But "How Good!"

The Life Dividend Endowment, while costing no more than the Ordinary Life policy of other companies, carries all the modern features, such as:

Grace in payment of premiums;  
Privilege of changing beneficiary;  
Incontestability clause;  
Cash loans;  
Paid up and extended insurance;  
Cash surrender values;  
Instant option;  
Absolutely non-forfeitable so long as there is enough value left to pay a quarterly premium.

This is one of the many excellent forms of insurance written by the South Atlantic Life Insurance Company.—J. N. HARMAN & SONS, Tazewell, Va., Agents.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

Capt. Samuel Walton, of Falls Mill, has been in Tazewell today and yesterday.

The schools will be closed tomorrow and until after the Christmas holidays.

The cheapest line of pictures in Tazewell at J. B. Hankins' & Co.

We are requested to give notice that all the dry goods stores in town will be closed on Christmas day.

Felt, cotton and shuck mattresses, couches and children's beds,  
Tazewell Supply Company.

Post give notice that he will make "a war on prices" from now until Christmas. Read his advertisement.

Our line of Ladies' Dress Skirts is very handsome—at from 98c to \$6.87.  
J. B. HANKINS & CO.

R. C. Chapman has an interesting advertisement this week. You will miss something if you do not read it.

Time is money. Why then not have one of the nice watches at Hankins' Pocket Store? Prices from \$1.25 to \$23.00.

Dr. J. H. Morgan is now manufacturing tooth powders and a tooth wash from formulas that are pronounced excellent.

STRICTLY BUSINESS.—\$15.00 overcoats reduced to \$13.50; \$10.00 overcoats reduced to \$8.50; \$8.50 overcoats reduced to \$6.00.—Harrison & Gillespie Bros.

Last night Mr. S. W. Bourne was married to Miss Minnie H. Lewis. The ceremony took place at the residence of Mr. James Peck on Tazewell Avenue, and was performed by Rev. J. N. Harman.

All persons indebted to us are requested to be prepared to settle their account January 1st either by cash or bank note with necessary endorses.

We hear that a new schedule for all passenger trains on the Norfolk and Western system will be put in operation next Sunday. We are not informed as to how it will affect trains on the Clinch Valley Division.

Don't forget that Harrison & Gillespie Bros. store is headquarters for all novelties in shirts, collars, cuffs, underwear, neckwear, gloves, silk handkerchiefs, etc. See their Xmas line.

Mr. Ashby Henry, who is teaching at Birmingham, Ala., and his sister, Miss Aylett Henry, who has been attending school there, arrived at Tazewell last Monday to spend the holidays with their parents.

We have too many ladies' jackets and capes, and in order to reduce the stock we have decided to slaughter prices for the next two weeks. Now is your chance for a bargain.—Harrison & Gillespie Bros.

On last Friday night a party of young people "stormed" Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Price. The evening was enjoyed by all who were in the party, and they wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Price for the excellent entertainment given them.

The report has gone out that a number of our young people will attend the National Business College, Roanoke, Va., the first of the year. We understand the attendance will be large January 2nd, when the next session opens.

Cards are out for the marriage of Mr. Clarence Wynn, of Burke's Garden, to Miss Maud Gillespie, daughter of Mr. T. A. Gillespie, of Cedar Bluff. The marriage will take place on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at the residence of the bride's father.

One hundred tons of Timothy Hay, Write for prices.  
Tazewell Supply Company.

The records in two important chancery cases decided at the recent term of Tazewell circuit court, are being copied for the purpose of taking them to the Supreme Court of Appeals. They are Otis Caldwell vs. Glenn and Akop; Mosby & Co. vs. Callett & Jenkins. The plaintiffs in both cases won in the circuit court.

Russell Creek R. O. M., car lot \$2.05.  
Tazewell Supply Co.

W. A. Barnes & Co. advertise their new roller mills, recently put in operation at Maiden Spring. By persons who are competent judges, these mills are pronounced the best equipped in this section of the country. The splendid grades of flour they are manufacturing are rapidly gaining a fine reputation. Many persons in Tazewell will now use no other flour. If you try it you will be pleased.

Russell Creek Lump Coal, car lot, \$2.50 per ton.  
Tazewell Supply Co.

Mr. J. W. Pendleton, of the Chilhowie Lumber Company, was in town Tuesday and informed us that his company was pushing the construction of its tramway from the head of Poor Valley to Saltville. Five miles have been completed and are being used by the company in hauling its lumber. By the first of next May the line will be built as far as Laurel Gap. Mr. Pendleton told us he was building the road full gauge, putting down ties of the necessary length, so that the road bed could be used for a regular wide gauge railroad, if desired in the future.

Coal and wood heaters and cooking stoves for sale by  
Tazewell Supply Company.

Rev. J. G. Dula, who is a Second Adventist, preached in the court house last Friday night to a large congregation. While most of the persons present did not agree with him in the doctrines he preached, which were strange to them, all gave him a respectful and attentive hearing. He is a graceful and fluent speaker, self-educated, and shows that he has been a close student of the bible. He preached for more than an hour and sustained his unorthodox views, on many questions, with remarkable force. Mr. Dula is quite a young man, and with more study and opportunities will become a man of considerable power in the pulpit.

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Lost—Certificate No. 12 of twenty shares of stock in the Bank of Graham, of the par value of \$100 each, held by the undersigned has been lost. Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Board of Directors of said bank for the issue of a new certificate in lieu of the one so lost.  
MARY S. O'KEEFE.

2m. Nov. 8, 1900.

### County Court Proceedings.

In the county court on yesterday William Follen, alias Black Diamond, was tried for malicious assault upon Holland Melvor, was found guilty and sentenced to one year in the penitentiary. The trial of the Commonwealth vs. William Brooks, alias Bunk Updike, was then commenced and is still in progress. The prisoner is charged with housebreaking. Hugh Smith and Ed Price are jointly indicted with Brooks, but they elected to be tried separately. All of them are colored and hail from Pocahontas.

Boyer has no ambition to sell the cheapest stuff in town—"Cheap clothes make a cheap man," but he does take pride in selling you something which will not come to pieces taking it home, and which you will not be ashamed to show to your friends.

### Watch Night Meeting.

On Monday night, the 31st inst., a Watch Night Meeting will be held in the Methodist church at this place. Such meetings were long a custom with Methodists in certain sections and countries; but they have never been held in this section, so far as we know. The exercises are of a religious character and are arranged to suit the disposition of each congregation. The meeting continues until the old year goes out and the new one is ushered in. Peculiar interest will attach to such meetings this year, as the ending of the year will also be the ending of the century. We do not know what the programme for the meeting at Tazewell will be, but take it for granted that Rev. J. S. French, the pastor, will have an interesting one.

Strictly Lump Coal, mined east of Raven, car lot \$2.50. Less than car lot, 25c extra.  
Tazewell Supply Co.

### Manns Gets a New Trial.

The Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, sitting at Charleston, on last Friday reversed the criminal court of McDowell county in the case of Anthony J. Manns vs. State of West Virginia, and granted a new trial to the plaintiff in error.

In September, 1899, A. J. Manns shot and killed Dr. Harris, who was his stepson-in-law. For the offense he was tried before the criminal court of McDowell county, found guilty of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged. His counsel, Messrs. Chapman & Gillespie, of Tazewell, and Messrs. Strother & Stokes, of Welch, applied to the Supreme Court of Appeals for a writ of error which was granted, and has resulted in that court giving the accused a new trial.

### Norfolk Oysters Are the Best.

We have always thought and heard that Norfolk oysters were the best in the world; however, not being entirely satisfied with our own opinion alone, we wrote to one of the best authorities on oysters in the State, telling him where we were buying our stock. We quote from his letter in reply: "The oysters you have been getting are above the average of any you could possibly get anywhere." We do not ask you to rely on our judgment but on some one who knows. We will have a full supply of these celebrated oysters during the holidays. They will cost you no more than others.

Truly yours,  
BOSTON & SONS.

### Panther Killed.

On last Monday night Frank Moss, son of Mr. George Moss, and Oscar Moss, son of Mr. Frank Moss, went coon hunting in Burke's Garden. Their dogs treed what the boys believed to be a coon. By the light of a lantern they saw the eyes of the animal shining, and one of the boys shot it with a shot gun loaded with No. 8 shot. When it fell from the tree they were surprised to find that it was not a coon, but an animal of a kind they had never seen before. It was as large as an ordinary cur dog, with a short tail and feline head. There was a difference of opinion as to what it was, but Mr. Frank Moss, after careful investigation, pronounced it an American panther.

For some time something had been killing lambs in the garden. It was supposed to be a dog. The tracks of the depredating animal could be found, but the dog could not be discovered. It is now believed that the panther was the animal that killed the lambs.

JOHN E. JACKSON sells the paint that wears twice as long as lead and oil—Devoe lead and zinc, ground by machinery. If.

### PROGRAM FOR WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

The 20th Century Educational Movement.

1:00 p. m. Devotional Services, conducted by T. R. Handy.

10:30 p. m. The Origin and History of the Watch Night Service.

11:00 p. m. The Present Status of the Movement in Holston and in the Tazewell District.

11:30 p. m. The Need for \$150,000 in Holston.

11:45 p. m. Reasons for Thanksgiving—"What hath God Wrought?"

12:00. Prayer and Song.

12:15 a. m. "The Radiant Dawn of God's Great Tomorrow"—The Ideal Educational System.

12:30 a. m. Doxology and Benediction.

JOHN E. JACKSON guarantees every bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and will refund the money to anyone who is not satisfied after using two-thirds of the contents. This is the best remedy in the world for the gripe, colic, colds, croup and whooping cough and is pleasant and safe to take. It prevents any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia.

### Trespass Notice.

All persons are hereby warned not to trespass by hunting or otherwise, on any part of my lands situated near Witten's Mills Tazewell county, Va. I will enforce the law against any person who violates this notice.

W. G. MUSTARD,  
Witten's Mill, Va.

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## MAIDEN SPRING ROLLER MILLS.

The Newest and Best Equipped Mills in This Section.

We make the following brands of flour:

### "SPOTLESS." "SURPRISE."

They are the highest quality and are receiving praise from all who use them.

Our Corn Meal, bolted and unbolted, is made from Choice Corn and equal to any in the market.

We manufacture and sell all kinds of Chop and Mill Feed. Prices quoted on application.

Custom Grinding a specialty.

W. A. BARNES & CO.,  
RUSKIN, - - VA.

## RATLIFF HOTEL.

TAZEWELL, VIRGINIA.

MRS. T. W. RATLIFF, PROPRIETRESS.

Centrally located, on Main Street. Large, Newly Furnished rooms, lighted with electricity.

RATES: \$1.50 Per Day.

Livery and Sample Rooms attached. Porter meets all trains.

### BRITAIN'S PLANS NOT KNOWN.

Washington Officials Do Not Understand Change Demanded.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Officials here are at a loss to understand the reasons for the important modification in the joint Chinese note which it is reported the British Minister to Peking is to demand.